

REMARKS


In an Office Action dated February 19, 2003, the Examiner required restriction to one of two groups of claims: claim Group I, consisting of claims 1-20, and claim Group II, consisting of claims 21-43.

Applicants elect to prosecute claim Group I, consisting of claims 1-20. Since the election is without traverse, applicants have cancelled non-elected claims 21-43.

No action has been received on the merits. Applicants believe the elected claims are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request examination and allowance of all claims. In addition, the Examiner is encouraged to contact applicants' attorney by telephone if there are outstanding issues left to be resolved to place this case in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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